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SENATE BILL 471

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO RODEO COUNCIL; ATTACHING THE NEW MEXICO RODEO COUNCIL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING DUTIES OF AND AUTHORITY TO THE NEW MEXICO RODEO COUNCIL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. NEW MEXICO RODEO COUNCIL CREATED--PURPOSE-- ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT--MEMBERSHIP--AUTHORITY AND DUTIES.--

A. The "New Mexico rodeo council" is created as a governmental entity. The council's purpose is to advise the economic development department, the governor and the legislature regarding rodeo, equestrian and livestock education, events, facilities and citizen participation in rodeo, equestrian and livestock activities and to establish policy regarding economic development related to rodeo,

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1 equestrian and livestock activities and operations, including
2 the expenditure of money appropriated by the legislature for
3 the purposes of this section. The council is administratively
4 attached to the economic development department pursuant to the
5 Executive Reorganization Act, and that department shall staff
6 the council, including the provision of budgeting, in-house
7 legal counsel, recordkeeping and related administrative and
8 clerical assistance to the council.

9 B. The New Mexico rodeo council consists of seven
10 members, who shall be qualified electors of the state, no more
11 than four of whom shall be of the same political party at the
12 time of their appointment, and they shall be considered persons
13 acting on behalf of or in service to the council. Each member
14 shall have experience in rodeo, equestrian or livestock
15 activities, as a contestant or business owner. The members
16 shall be appointed by the governor, two from each congressional
17 district and one at large, and confirmed by the senate. The
18 members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

19 C. New Mexico rodeo council member appointments
20 shall be made for six-year terms expiring on January 1 of the
21 appropriate year. Members shall serve staggered terms as
22 determined by the governor at the time of their initial
23 appointment. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor for the
24 unexpired term, but the appointee is subject to approval by the
25 senate when it next convenes. Annually, the governor shall

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1 designate a chair and vice-chair of the council from among the
2 members.

3 D. New Mexico rodeo council members shall not vote
4 by proxy. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for
5 the council to conduct business.

6 E. The New Mexico rodeo council shall meet,
7 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, at the call of the chair,
8 not less than once a quarter and shall invite representatives
9 of appropriate legislative committees, other state agencies and
10 interested persons to its meetings for the purpose of
11 information exchange and coordination.

12 F. New Mexico rodeo council members shall not be
13 paid but shall receive per diem and mileage as provided in the
14 Per Diem and Mileage Act.

15 G. The New Mexico rodeo council shall:

16 (1) study and advise how the state can best
17 develop and support the sport of rodeo, equestrian sports and
18 livestock enterprises at the junior, high school, college and
19 professional levels;

20 (2) promote and attract competitive rodeo,
21 equestrian and livestock events for the state;

22 (3) provide information to rodeo, equestrian
23 and livestock event participants, fans and promoters regarding
24 rodeo, equestrian and livestock events and programs throughout
25 the state;

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1 (4) provide policy direction and have approval
2 authority for the expenditure of money appropriated by the
3 legislature for the:

4 (a) planning, design, construction and
5 operation of state-owned rodeo, equestrian or livestock
6 facilities, including making final decisions in procurement
7 actions for the planning, design, construction and operation of
8 those facilities; and

9 (b) monetary support of state-operated
10 rodeo, equestrian or livestock activities;

11 (5) enter into agreements as appropriate,
12 including agreements under the Joint Powers Agreements Act,
13 with other state agencies or local public bodies for the
14 council's use of money and services for rodeo, equestrian and
15 livestock activities and facilities that meet the purposes of
16 this section;

17 (6) enter into grant agreements as appropriate
18 with other state agencies or local public bodies for those
19 entities to use money appropriated by the legislature for the
20 purposes of this section, including support for local rodeo,
21 equestrian and livestock events and activities and improvements
22 to publicly owned rodeo, equestrian and livestock facilities;

23 (7) to help achieve the purposes of this
24 section, procure as appropriate or necessary rodeo, equestrian
25 and livestock goods and services, including the presentation or

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1 conduct of rodeo, equestrian and livestock events, pursuant to
2 the Procurement Code when applicable; and

3 (8) promulgate rules to achieve the purposes
4 of this section that shall:

5 (a) encourage and promote economic
6 development through rodeo, equestrian and livestock activities
7 and facilities;

8 (b) honor New Mexico's cultural heritage
9 in rodeo, equestrian and livestock activities;

10 (c) promote educational opportunities
11 related to rodeo, equestrian and livestock activities;

12 (d) establish application and use
13 requirements for monetary support and grants made by the
14 council, including fiscal controls and audit review; and

15 (e) be promulgated in the same
16 procedural manner as rules of the economic development
17 department are adopted and be filed in accordance with the
18 State Rules Act.

19 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2009.

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